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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

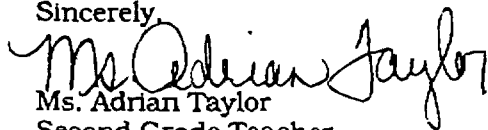
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Sincerely,

  
Ms. Adrian Taylor  
Second Grade Teacher

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Mr. Reed Hundt  
Chairman F. C. C.  
1919 M. Street N.W.  
Room 832  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt,

I would like to encourage you in any way possible to make advanced telecommunication services available to every student in every school in the country whether the school is a government or private school.

I am asking you to support the Snowe-Rockefeller-Exon-Kerry amendment to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 that would give discounts for the purchase of internal wiring, video, and Internet services at a discounted rates based on a formula related to the eligibility of students for participation in the national free-reduced price school lunch program.

WE have 302 students in grades K-8 and save the state and federal tax payers much money each year, as our parents are taxpayers and also pay tuition. We are a middle class blue collar community.

I am looking forward to your response to this letter. Thank you. God bless!

To life,

Mrs. Kathleen Peters  
Principal

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Sincerely,

*Theodore E. Thompson*  
cc: Senator John McCain, Chairman, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

This is to forward to you a resolution, adopted by our Board of Trustees on February 27, urging a broad interpretation of how libraries are defined in terms of their eligibility for "universal service" telecommunications discounts under the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Keith E. Washburn".

Keith E. Washburn  
Executive Director

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## RESOLUTION

re: Eligibility for discounted telecommunications rates under Universal Service provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Board of Trustees of CLRC, the Central New York Library Resources Council, wishes to express its support of broad eligibility for libraries under the Universal Service provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Specifically, the Board supports the interpretation of the American Library Association Office of Information Policy, that any library is eligible for discounted telecommunications rates if it is eligible to receive benefits from its state-based plan for Title III of the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA), or its successor the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Libraries of all types that are eligible to benefit from federally supported resource-sharing programs should also be eligible for discounted telecommunications rates.

**Approved by the CLRC Board of Trustees  
February 27, 1997**

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent Mathers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "M".

Kent Mathers  
Principal



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*Chuck Hastert*  
President

Senator Russ Feingold  
Hart Senate Office Building, Room 502  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Feingold:

I am writing on behalf of Wisconsin's school leaders to underscore the importance of the Federal Communication Commission's Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service's recommendations for schools and libraries to receive discounts for telecommunications services, Internet access, and internal connections.

On November 7, 1996, the Federal-State Joint Board, in a unanimous 8-0 vote, recommended that:

- Schools receive discounts ranging from 20%-to-90% on a sliding-scale formula. All commercially available telecommunications services are eligible for discounts.
- Internet access for schools and libraries be discounted.
- Internal connections necessary for connecting classrooms be discounted.
- A \$2.25 billion annual Universal Service Fund to pay for these discounts.

The FCC has until May, 1997, to develop the rules for implementing these recommendations.

If implemented effectively, this regulatory decision will promote the installation of instructional technology equitably throughout our Country's schools. The equitable access to these powerful technologies is critical to our future quality of life and economic strength. These technologies hold vast potential for our schools to improve instruction, enhance equity of educational opportunity, promote a seamless system of life-long learning, while enhancing the operational efficiency and effectiveness of our schools.

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Senator Russ Feingold  
March 5, 1997  
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**It is my understanding that the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on March 12, regarding the Joint Board's recommendations. I realize that you are not a member of this committee. However, anything you can do to communicate the importance of implementing all of the Joint Board's recommendations to your colleagues on the Committee would be greatly appreciated.**

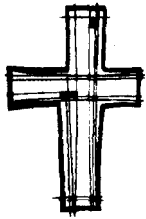
The FCC's charge of establishing affordable service rates to schools and libraries is a unique and enormous opportunity that must be seized to allow our schools to use the power of instructional technologies to optimize our children's abilities to succeed in future personal, civic, and professional endeavors. If the Wisconsin School Administrators Alliance can be of any assistance to you as the FCC acts on this charge contact me at (608) 242 - 1370.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jim", with a stylized loop at the end.

James M. Lynch  
Director of Government Relations

cc: Cheryl Parrino, Chairperson, PSC  
Reed Hundt, Chairman FCC  
SAA Executive Directors and WCASS President



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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Hundt,

First, please let me introduce myself. I am Reverend Thomas Sularz, the pastor of St. Scholastica Church and St. Scholastica School in Woodridge, Illinois. I am writing to you in support of meaningful discounts on telecommunications services for public and private schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The Telecommunications Act - through its Universal Service Fund provisions - mandates the development of special discount rates for all school and libraries so that they can secure services at affordable prices.

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Sincerely,

Reverend Thomas Sularz  
Pastor

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At St. John the Baptist Parochial School, in Silver Spring, Maryland, it is our understanding that the wiring cost could be additionally expensive because of asbestos removal requirements.

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Sincerely,

Paula Haly and Sue Haly

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Sincerely,

*Chris Haygood*  
Christopher Haygood,  
Technology Coordinator

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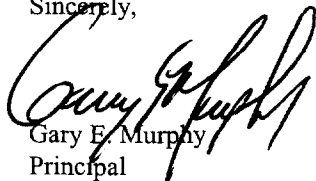
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Sincerely,

  
Gary E. Murphy  
Principal

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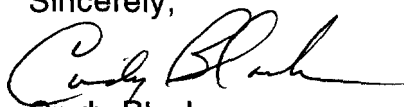
I am writing in strong support of the meaningful discounts for schools and libraries as envisioned by the Federal-State Joint Board in their Recommended Rules published last November.

The Recommended Rules allow schools and libraries significant discounts for the telecommunications and critical, non-telecommunications services necessary to assure that all of our schools are connected to the Internet, and other on-line resources that are critical to live, learn and work in an increasingly information-driven world.

Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with the clear intent of insuring that Schools and Libraries would be able to access the latest technology. By allowing significant discounts on telecommunications services, local wiring and Internet access, the Joint Board has accurately recognized the needs of poorer schools that cannot afford the internal wiring necessary to connect with the Internet. By allowing telco and non-telco carriers to compete for the discounts, the Joint Board has also recognized the need for diverse technologies to serve the diverse urban and rural areas of the State.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter for our schools and libraries -- and -- ultimately for us all, as a better educated community benefits everyone. Please do not hesitate to call if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



Cindy Black  
Technology Coordinator



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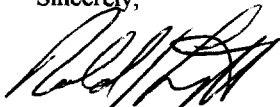
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Sincerely,



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Sincerely,

*Sr. Rita Mandella, O.S.F.*

Sister Rita Mandella, O.S.F.

Principal

Saint Jude School Board of Education

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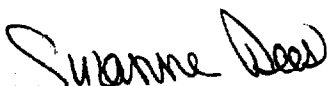
Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing on behalf of a consortium of school and public libraries in northern Michigan. Twenty-five libraries need to upgrade a telecommunications network which delivers a shared electronic library catalog with over 800,000 holdings. This system is used for automated online public searching, circulation and resource-sharing. We must upgrade from a 9600 baud network to a high speed 56-64k network in order to offer Internet access to the public and K-12 students. If we are successful, approximately 122 workstations in 25 libraries will have direct access to the Internet and to the Upper Peninsula automated library catalog.

We would like to thank you for your leadership implementing the far-reaching implications of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The principals of "affordable access" for schools and libraries in this Act will make it possible for the rural libraries in America to provide the level of service to their communities that libraries in urban areas offer when they access the 'Information Highway.'

The discount range of 20 to 90 percent on telecommunications and on Internet access is vital if rural libraries are to have truly affordable access. We urge you to keep the universal service fund at the 2.25 billion dollar level recommended by the Joint Federal-State Universal Service Board.

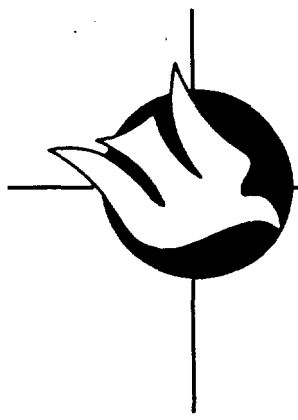
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Suzanne Dees  
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I write in support of meaningful discounts on telecommunications services for schools and libraries so that EVERY school child, even those in private and church schools, and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology, as stressed in the President's Inaugural Address. The Telecommunications Act---through its Universal Service Fund provisions---mandates the development of special discount rates for all schools and libraries so that they can secure services at affordable prices.

These advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all of our nation's children. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that ALL of our children, even those in private schools, can connect with the technology they would need to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. It also creates informed and skilled consumers of the new technology well into the 21st century.

Recommendations have been sent to the FCC for implementing the Universal Service Fund provisions related to schools and libraries. These recommendations give our learning institutions significant discounts on all services that are commercially available, with deeper discounts for those schools and libraries least able to pay and more expensive to service. All schools would get discounts on connections to classrooms and Internet connectivity, both of which are essential to providing the most advanced learning opportunities to the greatest number of students.

I urge your support for the Joint Board's recommendations. They will provide affordable discounts for a full range of

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services, and give our schools flexibility in choosing the services needed. It is essential that advanced learning technologies be available for ALL schools and ALL children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sister Juanita Nadicksbernd". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sister Juanita Nadicksbernd  
Principal

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**Deborah T. Heemskerk**  
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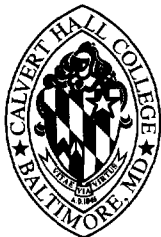
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On behalf of the Executive Board of Granite Education Association, we urge your support for the Joint Board's recommendations. Taken as a whole, they will provide affordable discounts for a full range of services, and give schools and libraries flexibility in choosing the services needed to meet each community's diverse needs. Most importantly, these provisions, if adopted by the FCC, will make advanced technology for learning available to all Americans.

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*Sharon-Ann Guerrieri*

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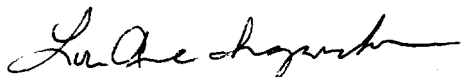
I write in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "e-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

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I urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and life-long learner in America.

Sincerely,



Lou Anne Insprucker  
Principal

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